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Board of health endorses letter asking gov't to instate monthly program

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's board of health has unanimously supported a letter from the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit that calls for the Canada Emergency Response Benefit to roll into a guaranteed basic monthly income for all Canadians, "during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond."

The May 20 letter is addressed to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and Minister of Finance Bill Morneau.

Signed by Anita Dubeau, chair, board of health, SMDHU, the letter was also circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Simcoe and Muskoka MPs and MPPs as well as municipal councils, the Association of Local Public Health

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Keeping cool

Six-year-old Brynley English of Minden runs across the shoreline of Rotary Park in Haliburton on June 16. Last week, the Highlands experienced summer-like temperatures, ideal for fun at the beach. /DARREN LUM Staff

Police recover cache of stolen property in Highlands East

JENN WATT

Editor

Two residents of Highlands East have been charged with a variety of offences following the

recovery of stolen items worth \$80,000.

The OPP East Region's street crime unit executed warrants at a residence on Squirrel Lane on June 11 and 18, recovering stolen property including ATVs, watercraft, kayaks, generators, a hot

tub, electronics, power and hand tools and a picnic table.

Police are now beginning to sift through the property.

"The leg-work is just beginning in terms of finding out where all the items came from and to make arrangements to get

it back to the rightful owners," said Bill Dickson, media relations co-ordinator for the OPP East Region.

Along with the stolen items, police also found crystal methamphetamine.

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COVID-19 has revealed depth of disparities

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Agencies, Ontario Public Health Association and Ontario boards of health.

The letter commends the federal government for “economic measures that have been put into place to support Canadians during this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic,” which has included measures such as the CERB, the Canada Emergency Student Benefit and the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. A basic income would address gaps the SMDHU says for Canadians unable to access the programs who are “vulnerable to household food insecurity and the negative consequences of income insecurity and poverty such as inadequate or unstable housing, and poorer mental and physical health, including chronic diseases.”

It notes that even prior to the employment hardships caused by the pandemic, in 2017-2018 approximately 4.4 million Canadians reported being food insecure, including 1.2 million children under the age of 18. The SMDHU said basic income pilots in Canada have resulted in “promising findings,” and references the Ontario Basic Income Pilot implemented in 2018 in three cities and terminated in 2019 by the incoming government.

“Moving forward during and following the COVID-19 pandemic is an opportune time for the federal government to take action to evolve the CERB into a basic income,” reads the letter. “This would provide income security to all Canadians during the economic challenges of the pandemic itself, the post-pandemic recovery, and into the future. This is particularly pertinent given the dramatic shifts in the labour market in recent decades, such that full-time permanent employment is no longer the norm. The current CERB has helped demonstrate the logistical feasibility of delivering a basic income, and it could be readily evolved into an ongoing basic income for anyone who falls below a certain income floor.”

The letter also makes note of “key Canadian initiatives that demonstrate the positive impact of basic income-like programs on health and well-being [which] include the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement

through Canada’s public pension system, the Canada Child Benefit, and the Newfoundland Poverty Reduction Strategy.”

At a June 18 meeting held via conference call, the HKPRDHU board of health endorsed the letter, two days after the federal government announced an eight-week extension of the CERB, which provides \$2,000 monthly to those who qualify and was established soon after the initial measures put in place throughout Canada to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19.

Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, HKPRDHU medical officer of health, in supporting the endorsement said now “is a very opportune time for us to rally around this because COVID-19 is pointing to the disparities that people face in their lives. We find that when we’re doing case and contact follow-up. Some don’t have anyone to assist them when in self-isolation at home, to get them groceries, to get their medication, that kind of thing. So it really shows, like the 1918 influenza pandemic did, it affected people who were more marginalized then, [COVID-19] is affecting people who are more marginalized now.”

One person in the meeting questioned the cost of such a program.

“When you look at the supports that are currently in place for people who have income issues, [the government] pays for a variety of supports,” she said after the meeting in questions from the media. “If you look at the cost of doing all those things versus providing basic income to individuals and families, the benefit is greater [providing basic income] in the long term. They have better health, they end up getting jobs and they have more security in their lives and they also have fewer mental illnesses for example because they’re not worrying about the next paycheck, etc. The cost of providing the program over time will indicate that it’s a worthwhile investment in people’s lives.”

Noseworthy, who has been in the role of medical officer of health for the past 16 years, said she had gone into public health to address these kinds of issues after seeing, as a general practitioner, people struggling with health issues related to their life circumstance, including unemployment and poverty.

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— Dr. Lynn Noseworthy
HKPR medical officer of health

Doug Elmslie, board of health chair, said he thought there seemed to be more acceptance of the idea of a basic income guarantee right now, with more receptive people in the federal government than in the past and that it would be a step in the right direction to influence them to look further into it.

“My view on it is that I think it’s a worthwhile thing to support,” he said. “I think we’ve been faced with poverty and trying to do something with poverty for some 4,000 years, and what we’ve done clearly isn’t working, and we just continue to throw money at the problem and throw our support behind Ontario Works and social housing and this kind of thing, and keeping people basically with a stipend, making it difficult for them to get out of the poverty loop. I’d like to see it at least tried so we can see whether it will make a difference in people’s lives and whether they will be able to break these poverty cycles.” Later, he added: “Trying something different can’t hurt us. What we’re doing isn’t working, so let’s try something else.”

The HKPR region includes Lindsay, which was one of three communities involved in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot Project. It was intended to run for three years but was cancelled in its first year, in March 2019. Noseworthy said the project had seen participants return to school, set up businesses and buy basic necessities to eat better.

In fighting COVID-19, let’s not lose focus on another epidemic

AS WE MAKE headway to slow the spread of COVID-19, another public health emergency continues to impact Haliburton County. Opioid overdoses have long been a problem locally and across Ontario even before COVID-19 arrived. That’s why our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, insisted the Health Unit continue its programs to respond to the opioid overdose epidemic even during the pandemic.

In our work at the Health Unit, we have seen how the opioid crisis, especially through overdose deaths, has affected individuals, families and our community.

Recently, as we’ve taken important steps to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, opioid overdoses and deaths are on the rise. From March 2019 to May 2020, Ontario’s coroner reported a 25 per cent increase in fatal overdoses across the province. Locally, we’ve also seen incidents of overdoses during the pandemic, although it’s hard to gauge the true numbers since people may not be calling 9-1-1 or going to the hospital for treatment.

Substance use and the risk of overdose has been

complicated by the fact access to some support services for people who use drugs has been limited during COVID-19. Physical distancing and social isolation may be necessary to slow COVID-19, but using substances alone increases the risk of overdose. Rising anxiety and depression due to the pandemic, as well as an increase in toxic drug supply, have also fueled the increase in overdoses.

Harm reduction is a term that applies to any program, service or action that reduces the risk of injury and illness. If any of us have put on sunscreen or buckled up a seatbelt, we’ve embraced harm reduction. In the same way, harm reduction efforts geared to people who use substances also aim to reduce harm. It means meeting people where they’re at in their substance use and providing programs and services to help them enhance their skills and knowledge to live safer and healthier lives.

That’s why we provide and encourage the use of naloxone kits to prevent overdoses. It’s why we distribute

clean needles and equipment free-of-charge to individuals who inject and inhale drugs to prevent infection. Harm reduction provides people who use sub-

stances a choice of how they will reduce harm. It is non-judgmental and supportive, focusing on care and understanding.

During COVID-19, harm reduction efforts are still a priority for the Health Unit and our community partners. Throughout the pandemic, the Health Unit continues to provide needle exchange and naloxone programs, as well as its opioid surveillance, early warning and local opioid response programs. Many other agencies have switched from in-person to phone and video supports, while others, such as harm reduction outreach workers, are increasing their presence in Haliburton County by providing face-to-face support to promote the health and safety of individuals and the community. As more COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, additional supports and services will resume as well.

Locally, we’re very fortunate to have many dedicated individuals and service providers continuing to support some of our most vulnerable citizens during COVID-19!

We can all play a role in supporting local harm reduction efforts – especially now – and addressing the ongoing opioid crisis in Haliburton County. Let’s work together, setting aside personal concerns and opinions, and treat people impacted by opioids with compassion and dignity. After all, whether a pandemic or epidemic, we’re all in this together!

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Cemetery rules changing following mother's social media post

JENN WATT

Editor

Changes are coming to what is permitted at gravesites in Dysart et al as well as how interactions between cemetery visitors and site staff are handled following a video message posted on Facebook by Dulce Acero on June 13.

Acero was at the grave of her son, Phoenix, who died on May 14, 2017 at age 14, when she was approached by grounds-keeping workers who she said were rude and mean, and told her she couldn't leave photos on the gravesite.

"They basically assured me that if I plant any flowers or do anything for Phoenix's birthday that they will cut them down or throw everything in the garbage," Acero said in the video recorded at the cemetery the same day as the incident.

She alleges they made fun of her and one worker gestured at her with the middle finger.

The online video was shared widely with hundreds of comments flooding in supporting Acero and criticizing both the Municipality of Dysart et al's bylaw on what is permitted at the cemetery and how the workers, who work for a groundskeeping company contracted by the municipality responded to her.

In an interview with the *Echo* following the incident, Acero said she has had issues with workers at the Evergreen Cemetery in Haliburton over the past two years and she has complained to the municipality about it. She said that on June 13 one of the workers ridiculed an item on the headstone while picking it up and one of them pointed to the family name on the headstone and questioned whether she was local to the area.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said she spoke to the owner of Golf Green, the

company that maintains the property on the municipality's behalf, on the Monday following the incident and the owner of the company said he had spoken to the employees.

With no third party present during the confrontation at the cemetery, Roberts said there are two versions of what happened.

"She [Acero] was there and they [the two workers] were there. And so we're dealing with it as best we can. It does come down to he-said, she-said," Roberts said.

The mayor noted the municipality has had a "good, long-standing" relationship with the company for more than 25 years.

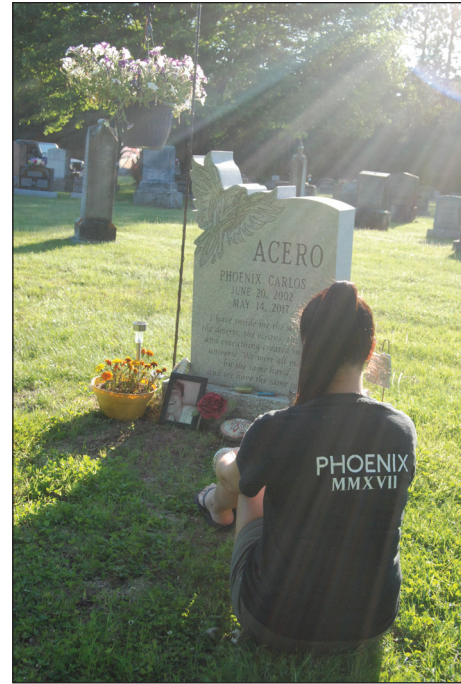
She did not provide any details on what the workers said happened or whether she knew if disciplinary action of any kind had taken place. A request for comment from Golf Green made by email and phone was not returned at time of publication.

Acero said decorating Phoenix's grave is part of the grieving process for her as well as for friends and family. It's also part of her Mexican heritage.

"For us, the Mexican culture is so much about the cemetery. When someone passes away, that's just what you do. You decorate, you go visit. You celebrate holidays there. You do Day of the Dead. They're included in every single thing. And Phoenix is going to continue to be included in all of those things," she said.

She said that Phoenix had been particular about the way he looked and she was cognizant of that when she decorated, making sure his space looked good.

"I understand they [the municipality] want to make the place look nice, but at the same time, you ... shouldn't be allowed to tell people how they can grieve," Acero said. "If somebody needs a photo at their wife's headstone or their son's headstone, I don't think the town



Dulce Acero sits at the grave of her son, Phoenix, who died in 2014. /JENN WATT Staff

should be able to tell you that you can't do that."

Dysart et al's cemetery bylaw states that "all flowers must be potted and placed in headstone hangers; no person shall install solar lights, plant trees, flower beds or shrubs in the cemetery; [and] the erection of any border, fence, railing, wall, hedge or enclosure on, in or around plots is prohibited."

The bylaw's intention is to ensure health and safety of maintenance staff when they're cutting the grass and to keep the cemetery uniform.

Roberts said she spoke to Acero on the phone about the incident and subsequently posted an apology on the municipality's Facebook page and has sent a written apology to her in the mail.

The Facebook post says the bylaw will be reviewed to allow for mementoes at gravesites using saddles for headstones and shepherd's hooks for flowers. "We will also have customer service training and include sensitivity issues such as this, as well we will endeavour to have better communication."

Signage assisting family members in retrieving items that must be removed from gravesites for maintenance purposes is another addition Roberts said she would like to see.

She said sensitivity training should be provided to anyone interacting with those who have lost a loved one and that no one should be approaching a visitor to the cemetery to discuss potential bylaw infractions.

"There may be another way to contact that person at a later time and deal with that," she said.

Acero said she would like to see the rules change so that she can decorate Phoenix's grave without worrying that items will be thrown out.

"Just leave me be. That's all I want," she said. "... I'm not saying I'm ever going to get over this, but I'm just trying to survive and maybe the situation won't always be the same for the rest of my life, maybe it will. But for right now, I need to go and plant flowers for him. I need to have his pictures there. I need to be able to not be afraid that if Phoenix's friends come and leave little mementoes that they won't be thrown in the garbage because that's what [has happened] before."

Stolen property can be recovered by calling Bancroft OPP

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A 35-year-old man from Highlands East has been charged with possession of property obtained by crime, careless storage and unauthorized possession of a firearm, and possession of a Schedule 1 substance, among other things.

A 69-year-old woman from Highlands East has been charged with possession of property obtained by crime, careless storage and unauthorized possession of a fire-

arm.

Dickson said he could not give specifics on the investigation, but confirmed it had been ongoing "for some time."

The accused were in custody prior to their appearance at the Ontario Court of Justice via video on June 22.

Those who think their property may have been among those recovered from this incident can call the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112.



These images show some of the many items recovered during a search of a property in Highlands East earlier this month. Above, a generator is among the items found. Top right, a stolen ATV was recovered. Bottom right, power tools can be seen in this stack of items. /Photos courtesy of OPP



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Borysiuk reflects on career in education

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

In 31 years working in education, Andrea Borysiuk has missed only one September, when she was on maternity leave with her daughter, Natalya. Now, the principal of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School is planning to retire this month, ending a long career alongside the school year.

Borysiuk cottaged in Haliburton, and brought groups of students to Haliburton Forest during her 17 years as a phys-ed teacher with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. Her familiarity with the area is why she approached Gary Brohman at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School one summer to ask about job positions. And when one came up, she jumped at the chance.

"I interviewed on a Saturday, got hired on the Monday and was moved up here with my three-year-old and two dogs on Friday, Thanksgiving weekend," said Borysiuk, whose husband, Dan Gimon, followed the family up from the city the following year.

"It was a whirlwind," said Borysiuk. "It was the best move ... I can remember my daughter, she was three, and she said, I'm glad we moved from Brampton. They don't have any chipmunks."

Borysiuk taught at HHSS for three years, and then began working at Huntsville High School as a surplus teacher. Mornings before the commute began at 4:30 a.m. while friends helped with her toddler, returning home at 6 or 7 p.m. at night. At the same time, she was taking principal courses, with friends asking her

about the busy lifestyle.

"You're doing this drive, you're taking courses, and I said, yes, it just feels right," said Borysiuk. "I feel like I should do this."

Partly through a year at Huntsville, she was placed as vice-principal at Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute.

"So then I did the drive in the other direction for two years," she laughed.

In 2011, she became principal at Stuart Baker Elementary School – working in Haliburton County as she had hoped, with only a 20-minute commute from home. In 2014, she made the move to JDHES.

For Borysiuk, there are numerous highlights in her career, in part because she made those drives.

"I would go to meetings and I know people from all over the board," she said. "I've been in all areas of the board and that has been the greatest thing. I've had so many great friendships built in the board because I've been in the north, and the south and Haliburton. I've got great learning partners because of that ... I'm very grateful for that. I had amazing mentors in this board, that certainly shaped how I view education."

In her time at JDHES, Borysiuk said it was important to her to promote a positive culture at the school.

"My staff dug in and worked really hard to get kids to own their school, own their learning, and it was always this big thing when kids came [switching schools] from Grade 3 to Grade 4 ... so building the partnerships with Stuart Baker and building these four schools as a campus. This is a campus, from K to 12. And really working with all of my colleagues to make it a



Andrea Borysiuk, seen here in a file photo, is principal of JDHES. After 31 years in education, she is retiring this year. HHSS vice-principal David Waito will be taking over as principal at Haliburton's middle school in September.

campus feel. [Another] highlight for me is working with parents and kids and building these partnerships. My parents are amazing."

Borysiuk paddle boards, hikes, knits, and cooks, and is looking forward to doing more of this during her retirement, in Haliburton County.

"I'm very grateful," she said. "I'm very grateful for the opportunities I've had, and how amazing this community has been since we came in 2005. People have stepped up and supported me, and encouraged me, every step of the way. From my neighbours to my colleagues, to getting a whole new set of friends in the community. It's been cool."

David Waito is transferring from his role as vice-principal at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to the position of principal at JDHES, a school just down the laneway.

Waito had been introduced to Haliburton County while working as an outdoor educator at Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden prior to starting at HHSS in September 2010. He became vice-principal at the school in February 2015, and will become principal at JDHES in September this year.

"Whenever a transition like this happens, you have mixed feelings," he said. "You're excited about where you're going, but it's sad to leave. I had a lot of mentors at Hal High that helped support the start of my career ... The mentorship from that staff to kind of shape and push my thinking and help me get to where am I at this point in my career can't be understated. It's certainly been a privilege I've had, to work with and learn from and serve that school and the students that have all gone through it in those 10 years."

Waito said he wanted to, "express my gratitude to the HHSS community for all its support over the years – the students, families, staff, and community have been a pleasure to work with."

Waito said he strives to find ways to "really hear the voices of everybody," blending ideas together to help form a direction that everyone – whether they be students, staff, parents or community partners – can see themselves in.

"That's the work I strive to do," he said. "I hope that's happened. I look for that feedback where I can. If there's a most important group to listen to, it's always the students. They're the ones that are our future and they're the ones I think we need to listen to, to help make what we're trying to do meet with what they're calling for and what they need."

Though changing schools, Waito said he is thrilled to be able to stay in Haliburton County, where he and his wife are raising their family, for this next role and excited to get started at JDHES.

"I'm certainly looking forward to joining the Jaguar team, and very much looking forward to meeting those students and working with families and continuing to move everything forward in a way that best serves what our kids need right now," he said. Additionally, he said he is "excited to learn from and experience the elementary panel, the staff at JDH, and to work with students in these formative years of grades 4 to 8. I hope my experience in secondary will be valuable and that combining these experiences will lead to some creative ideas."

Waito will be replaced as HHSS vice-principal by Jennifer Mills. Watch for a story on Mills in an upcoming issue of the Echo.

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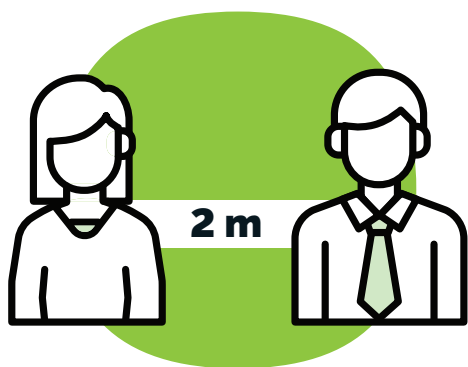
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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

First, acknowledgement

HERE IN THE Haliburton Highlands, land acknowledgements are becoming more common, but haven't yet been embraced as extensively as they could be.

June is Indigenous History Month, a time to put our minds to learning about and absorbing the lessons of the past – about the people who have been on this land for thousands of years, about the legacy of colonialism, and to set a course of reconciliation.

It can be difficult to find details about Indigenous history for the land that is now known as Haliburton County – far more has been written about the last 150 years than the last 1,500. But information is out there.

One of the best ways to start conversations and establish common knowledge of the Highlands' history is through land acknowledgements. These are statements read at the beginning of gatherings to recognize the history of the land and its people. Frequently, events at Fleming College or put on by the school board will start with these statements.

In 2018, Trillium Lakelands District School Board decided it would adopt the following land acknowledgement: "Trillium Lakelands District School Board acknowledges that these lands and waters are the traditional homeland of the Ojibway Nation and the Huron/Wendat Nation, and now includes communities from the Mohawk Nation, the Pottawatomi Nation and the Métis Nation of Ontario.

We acknowledge their stewardship throughout the ages."

Through the land acknowledgement, those of us who are non-Indigenous can take a moment to recognize that the land we're on was not unoccupied before settlers arrived. We can learn the names of the nations that have historically, and are still currently stewards of the land and we can take those names with us to learn more.

When it is once again safe to congregate in groups, after the coronavirus pandemic is just a bad memory, it would be positive to hear land acknowledgements at other events in the area, especially if each organization's acknowledgement was crafted specially.

Not every acknowledgement needs to sound the same. Important pieces of the land's history can be incorporated. For example, in research

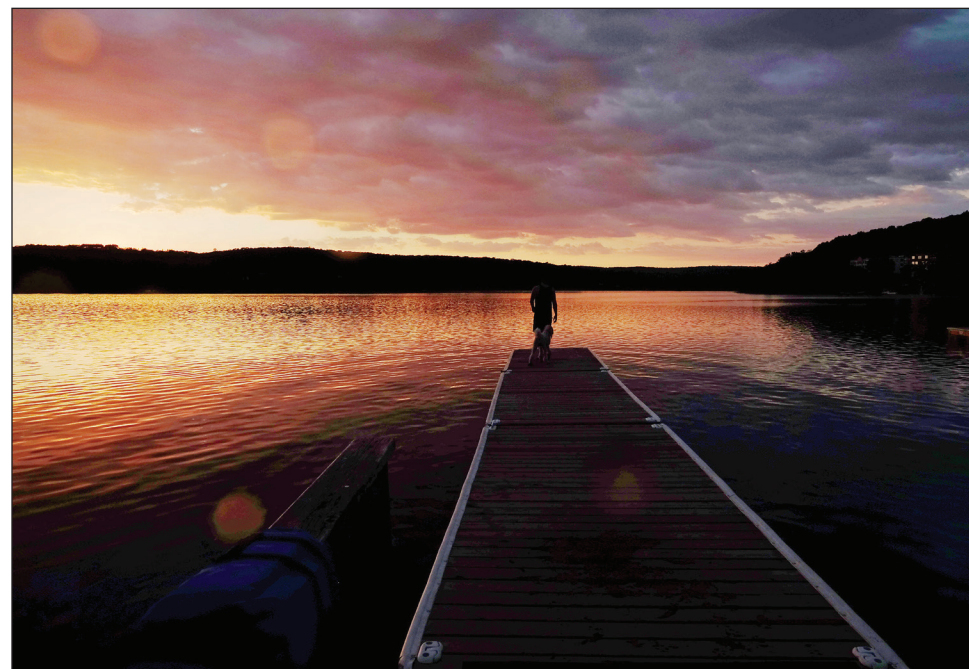
done by David Beaucage Johnson on this region, he found that the Ojibwe word for the Highlands is (o)gidaaki, which means upward earth or uphill. Because the area is rich in waterways, it was a natural meeting place for people – as it still is today. There's no reason a land acknowledgement couldn't include information like that: the details that paint a picture for the listener.

There is so much that each of us, no matter where we are at in our learning journey, can do to better understand the history of Indigenous Peoples and the land. A good place to start is simply with acknowledgement.



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Editorial



Figures shrouded in silhouette

by Darren Lum

Cabin, cottage and residence

IT WAS THE smell that got her every time. That fresh lumber smell in the back bedrooms that always greeted her when she hauled her suitcase onto the bed. Her room in the city didn't smell like that. There the scent of wood polish mingled with the lily of the valley cologne sitting on her dresser.

But the cottage smell, especially in the newer additions (and there were always additions) made her think of trees and ferns, rocks and water. The dust motes would rise like tiny faeries as her suitcase hit the old quilt. The faintest hint of moth balls, leftover from the fall, was also in the air and when she opened the dresser drawers, there they were, round and white. Without those, the mice would have a field day making nests out of the towels and flannel sheets her mother stored away every fall.

By some standards, the cottage was poorly outfitted. No insulation, making it very warm on hot sunny days and cold and damp on rainy ones. Her bed was actually an old iron cot with a thin little striped mattress. But then at night she was so tired that she probably could have slept on a piece of granite. Of which there was plenty outside. But that's another story.

As more siblings appeared on the scene, her father would add another room with the help of a local handyman. Mr. Stevens would frame it in then her dad would do the rest. For a city guy he was pretty handy with a hammer and saw. In those days, even the tools were more rudimentary. A hand saw, manual screwdriver and hand-powered drill. The lumber was left unpainted and over time it darkened. But the smell stayed, a reminder that this was the cottage and everything was different here.

Eventually her parents insulated the place: fibreglass bats covered in heavy plastic then smooth clean pine boards to finish the look. Her dad's business must have been good that year.

Even though the cottage interior was

small and pretty basic, it felt like a castle compared to the cabins her parents rented out every summer. These were comprised of a tiny kitchenette and a bedroom with a thin wall separating the two rooms. Lake water flowed into a small sink from a gravity-fed oil drum on the roof. But for the people who stayed there, it was an escape from the hot city. They came for the experience of living in the woods for a week. A lake in which to swim, a wooden row boat for fishing the bass that hung out by the old stump and a campfire at night: these were what they paid for. Her mother always made sure the outhouse was clean and stocked and for the guests, it was all part of the experience.

Over the years, it changed. Once the cottage was insulated, the fresh lum-

ber smell faded to almost nothing. An oil space heater replaced the ancient woodstove so the place was comfortable on Thanksgiving weekend. Shelves for hanging wine glasses went up in the kitchen and the whole setup became more civilized. There was more to wash and keep tidy, they were reminded to wipe their feet before coming inside and at night outside spotlights chased away the darkness. She stopped hearing the raccoons chattering in the moonlight down by the

river. A stereo murmured in what had once been her parents' bedroom but was now a living room.

Last summer her daughter and son-in-law bought a four season cottage. It was a beauty. Four bedrooms, dishwasher, big screen on the wall and Ikea furniture throughout. The neighbouring cottage, which she could see from their lakeside deck, was even grander. As they all sat sipping wine and watching the jet skis circle the bay, she had to speak up to be heard over the sound of the engines coming across the water. The wine was pleasant, the upholstered wicker chair comfortable but she missed the smell of fresh lumber. And just a hint of moth balls.

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points of view

Off the deep end

THE OTHER DAY, after Jenn suggested that we thought to think about a few projects that would increase the curbside appeal of our home, I snuck out of the house and bought us a pool.

It seemed like a very good idea at the time.

But, after I set it up and showed it to Jenn, she expressed a few doubts.

Her exact words were “Why the heck would you do that?”

“Why?” I replied. “Well, I’ve been watching home improvement shows and I learned that pools provide a nice recreational feel to any property. They also create an outdoors focal point for when we entertain in the summer. And, if they are well maintained, they can add to the property’s value. Best of all, we can slip out at night when everyone is asleep to skinny dip...”

“There are two reasons why that will never happen,” she answered.

“What are they?” I asked.

“First, it’s just gross. Second, you bought a plastic kiddie pool,” she noted.

“The home improvement show said you should work within your budget,” I responded.

It was true that the pool in question was 47 inches in diameter and nine inches deep. But it was also a cheerful shade of lime green and made of durable plastic. More than that, it was just the raw material I planned on working with. Heck, it and the Magical Rainbow sprinkler I had my eye on were to be the start of what I envisioned as “Steve’s Wet and Wild Water



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Loon Tales

Park.”

Even as I drove home, I began to come up with ideas to parlay my \$20 investment into something that looked more like a \$37 one.

First, I placed it on a slope in the front yard.

“OK, why not on level ground?” Jenn asked, after I begged her to.

“This way, we have a three-inch shallow end and a 12-inch deep end,” I replied, while tapping my temple with a forefinger. “And also a waterslide.”

She quickly left after that, I suppose because she knew that this home improvement project was in capable hands, although it could have also been because I asked if she knew where I could buy a bright red Speedo.

My other thoughts included building a deck level to the pool around the south end, complete with a privacy screen, cabana, dining area and barbecue kitchenette, but that seemed a little excessive.

Instead, I decided that I would only do that after I bought the matching 54-inch diameter kiddie pool to place beside this pool, so that I could start referring to the original pool as “The Grotto.”

After hearing my idea, Jenn confirmed the saying that true genius never goes appreciated in its time. She also kyboshed my idea of the high diving platform and of me buying a bright red Speedo.

Luckily, when my spaniel pup Rosie came outside and saw the pool for the first time, she exhibited all the enthusiasm that was lacking in Jenn’s view of it, which just goes to show you they don’t call a dog man’s best friend for nothing.

Rosie and I had a bit of a pool party for the rest of the afternoon. By the end of it, I even knew how to dog paddle properly.

Despite the fun we had, I am taking Jenn’s concerns seriously and trying to address them so the idea of a pool is more palatable.

Tomorrow, for instance, I will buy a blue Speedo.



pic of the past

The Reverend George Finch was the Baptist minister in Haliburton from 1906 to 1918. He is shown here in a buggy beside his newly bricked church (built in 1904, bricked 1909). The former St. George’s Anglican Church, which burned in 1920, occupies the hill in the background. Our thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for sharing the photo. Don’t forget you can still buy a copy of the museum’s beautiful coffee table book of historic photos.

letters to the editor

Haliburton Concert Series cancels balance of 2020 season

In March, the organizing committee for the Haliburton Concert Series made the decision to cancel this year’s May 3 concert. We were hopeful that the coronavirus situation would be long past us by this fall and that our concerts in September and October could proceed as planned. Little did we know that its effects would be so long-lasting.

Earlier this month, the organizing committee made the difficult decision to cancel the rest of the season. Committee members could not see that things will be clear enough by then to have a large gathering of people in a confined space.

All ticket buyers for our 2020 season have been

notified and have been offered the choice of deferring their 2020 ticket order to our 2021 season, or to receive a full refund.

We are in the process of finalizing the contracts for performers for our 2021 season, and hope that all will go as planned. We will regularly update our web site - www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.com - and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/haliburtoncs/> with the latest information.

We hope to see you in May 2021.

Submitted by the Haliburton Concert Series organizers

Early learning is education

To the Editor,

As the Pedagogical Link for Compass Early Learning & Care, I have been hearing rumblings about our advocacy for quality child care, such as “we have known about the safety guidelines,” we are “just like every other business” and should “just go back to work.” That we “have enjoyed being home and getting paid” or “it’s just day care.”

Let me share some context. In the past three months our educators have been deeply engaged in learning, taking up topics of anti-bias and treaty education, studying documentation, and practicing with learning protocols. We have been meeting for book studies and leadership work, connecting with families, sharing stories and music with children, and dropping off play materials. We have been thinking of ways to support the emotional and physical health of children and educators upon return, and have pored over budgets after budgets ... that don’t balance. We are looking at deficits that could collapse our sector. Hours have been cut to 75 per cent while many are working 150 per cent

We miss the joy, laughter and hugs we shared each day with children and families. Our Emergency Child Care has been an amazing experience, teaching us how to work safely in our new con-

text. We are anxious to support children’s transition back into care.

Due to the need for smaller groups to ensure safety we are looking at three times the costs to deliver child care. As a non-profit, even before the pandemic, every dollar was needed to get by.

Although the government gave us three days’ notice to open, we would have opened immediately, had the resources been available. We want to do what’s best for children, families and our dedicated educators.

So, let me ask you this: Would you open a business knowing there was no way to pay your staff, bills, or proper health and safety equipment? That you couldn’t charge more, both because families cannot afford it, and because you have mandated by the province? And that you would have to lower wages of an already underpaid sector?

I have been in this field for over 35 years and to this day, continue to experience judgement for my profession. We are part of the education system, caring for, and nurturing children at a time that has the greatest impact on brain development. We are serious about this work and are essential to our future and the economy!

Lorrie Baird
RECE (proud Early Childhood Educator)

Isaac Little named Male Athlete of the Year

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Isaac Little, this year's Male Athlete of the Year for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, is an inspiring force for teammates and coaches, appreciated for his athletic prowess, and the way he carried himself off and on the track, trail or ice.

Coach Karen Gervais introduced him as a "self motivator, a leader, and inspiration to others."

"He demonstrates his Red Hawk pride with his sportsman-like attitude and by giving back to the sporting community. He has unyielding determination, incredible stamina and takes challenges head on and despite being made of grit this Blairhampton boy stays true to himself, his dreams and his own individuality," she said.

She said Little's success was tied to setting goals, which included an OFSAA berth in cross-country. His performance at the COSSA cross-country meet at Ganaraska Forest this past autumn was his best performance, she said. He not only earned a third place and a place at the all-provincials, but he did it with a gutsy finish, which enabled him to beat runners he had never beat before.

The Grade 12 student was an assistant captain with the Red Hawks hockey team, and also earned all-provincial trips in track and field. He holds school records in the junior boys 3,000 metres and in the steeple chase event.

Gervais outlined how to be a great athlete "Isaac style," which means setting goals; finding things that motivate; staying mentally tough; working hard and never quitting; recognizing you're only as good as the team behind you; listening to and respecting your coaches; showing sportsmanship and integrity; smiling, having a good attitude; challenging your limits; winning; staying true to yourself; doing it with style; and continuing to grow.

Appropriately, the runner learned about his award after he completed a workout and his stretching routine, following a four-kilometre run. He said it was just him and his dog in the living room.

"As soon as I saw Karen Gervais and heard her talk about running, I was pretty confident that she was talking about me, which was really exciting," he said. "I was smiling so big. I was grinning like a dog in the barnyard. I was a little shocked. I actually didn't think I was going to get it. Things happened. School was here. But I was ecstatic. I've worked ever since Grade 9. I wanted it and worked until finally I got it, which I'm ecstatic about."

He said when he graduated from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, he earned Male Athlete of Year honours. It motivated him to repeat the honour in Grade 12.

Little joins his cousins Erin and Jamie and his uncle Alex (their father) as athletes of the year. They are part of the Wall of Honour in the athletic facility.



Isaac Little was very happy his four-year effort culminated in being named this year's Male Athlete of the Year award recipient. Little says a key to success is to find the motivation and to have fun doing what you're doing./DARREN LUM Staff

"Every time I went in the gym hall I looked on that wall and I decided I was going to be on that wall. I wanted to be there as much as anything. I feel like it's an honour to represent Haliburton that way and to be recognized by the coaches and my peers being top athlete is huge and it feels great," he said.

He is thankful to his coaches, Karen Gervais, Kyra Cockwell, Russ Duhaime, Jason Morissette, all his teammates and particularly his dad for his help in getting him to practices.

Unlike Female Athlete of the Year winner Emma Casey, who is graduating, he expects to return to school next year and is not going to study to be a paramedic at Loyalist College this autumn because of the online edu-

cation he would have received.

His plan is to spend the year working hard on earning university level courses at the high school so he can be eligible to attend university. Last year, York University offered him a track and cross country scholarship. He wasn't able to accept it because he lacked university level high school courses.

Motivation, he said, is key to success.

"You just got to find a way to get yourself going and push yourself and that's all you really can do is give it your best," he said.

His advice to other athletes is to keep one thing in focus.

"Make it fun. If it's not fun then don't do it," he said.

Red Hawks recognized for dedication and sportsmanship

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There wasn't any audience applause. There weren't any tearful acceptance speeches. There wasn't any laughter from a crowd. What students do have is a lasting reminder of athletic excellence and commitment to sport through the Red Hawks Athletic Banquet held virtually this year.

The ceremony was completed over 16 days, starting on June 4, posted to the school's website for anyone to see.

During a year of labour disruptions and COVID-19 cancellations, the Red Hawks fielded 15 teams. One COSSA championship was won by the men's curling team, who were unable to compete at OFSAA due to COVID-19. Two Kawartha team titles were won by girls field hockey and boys curling, and one individual Kawartha title was won in cross-country. There were four OFSAA berths: two athletes from the wrestling team: Nic Graham and Eli Samson; and two from cross country teams: Isaac Little and Nick Phippen.

The junior boys volleyball team's most improved player is setter Matthew Wilson and the MVP is Jackson Wilson.

The wrestling team named its MVP Nic Graham, who earned an all-provincial berth, and the rookie of the year award went to Levi Samson.

The Kawartha championship winning field hockey team named its MVPs Haley Boylan and Melissa Brinkos, including the MIP award for Emma Miller, who was "red shirted" at the start of the year.

The junior boys basketball team's MVPs are back court players Colin Glecoff and Jackson Wilson, who led the team in scoring.

For the cross country team, which sent two runners to the all-provincials, their MVP is Isaac Little. Little was a Kawartha champ and third place finisher at COSSA, which earned him an all-provincial berth.

The junior girls volleyball team's MIP is Emma Miller and the coach's award was earned by setter Emmerson Wilson.

The varsity boys football team's offensive MVP is Cam Marra and the defensive MVP is Desi Davies.

The women's hockey team coach Courtney Cook thanked Dani Smolen of Smolen Dentistry for sponsorship. She recognized the team as a whole for their ability to improve and to find the joy in playing. The coach also acknowledged how the team went from scoring its first goal last season to beating Fenelon Falls Secondary School this season.

The senior boys volleyball MVP is graduating student

Liam Little.

The boys curling team of Jacob Dobson, Owen Nicholls, Corin Gervais and Liam Little won a provincial title, taking the Ontario School Curling Provincial Championship title. With a Kawartha title and a repeat COSSA title, this team earned an all-provincials berth at OFSAA, but had their season ended due to COVID-19. The boys curling team's rookie of the year is Owen Nichol and the team's MVP is Dobson.

The girls rugby team included 27 members. Their MIP is Olivia Melle and MVP is graduating athlete Charlotte Paton.

The boys hockey team, which gave its time helping to stack wood and raise money for the Heat Bank Haliburton County, finished as a Kawartha championship finalist, losing a close one in overtime after being down by three goals to St. Mary's. Their offensive MVP is Braeden Robinson and its defensive MVP is Isaac Little.

The senior boys basketball team finished as COSSA semi-finalists and named their offensive MVP Joe Boice, their defensive MVP Brian Kim and their leadership MVP Camden Marra.

The senior girls volleyball team's MVP is Emma Casey, who was an inspiration to coaches and teammates on and off the court.

The junior girls curling team of Holly Parish, Kayla
see LEADERSHIP page 9

Emma Casey named Female Athlete of the Year

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Emma Casey couldn't hold back the tears when she learned she was named the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Female Athlete of the Year.

Casey learned the good news online from the virtual Red Hawks ceremony on Thursday morning with her family present.

"I started crying. I was so excited. It had been something that I'd been striving to get for so long. I was just so happy," she said.

The goal to be included among the collection of recipients, whose faces are displayed in framed photos along the top of the wall in the athletic wing of the school, was set when she started high school, she said.

"As soon as you walk into the high school there's just like so many ... all the pictures are up on the wall at the athletic complex. My uncle is actually one of the people," she said, referring to Andy Dawson. "It's just something I've always [wanted] for as long as I can remember."

Casey curled, played volleyball, field hockey and competed in the field events of track and field (discus and javelin). She played in the OFSAA volleyball championship, earned multiple trips to the East Regional OFSAA event in track, and competed in two COSSA finals with the field hockey team.

Her volleyball and field hockey coach Steve Smith started off the posted video saying, "I really wish I could personally give this award to this year's Female Athlete of the Year, but this virtual introduction will have to do."

He called her an "amazing, young athlete" and "a vocal leader."

Smith also said Casey never minced words.

"If you ask her a question you're going to get an honest and sometimes blunt answer. There's no sugar coating and that's what I love about her," he said.

Other coaches, Smith said, described Casey as a "pleasure to coach and she represents HHSS athletes with class." Another said, "Whatever the role she's asked to play she does it without complaining and with joy."

Her teacher and other volleyball coach Janice Scheffee said she appreciated Casey's humour and wit.

She also always put the team before her own desires and her level of drive matched the calibre of competition.

This was evident during the team's run in the COSSA championship tournament.

"It was pretty amazing to watch how one person can help. First of all, team chemistry and second of all, really rally a team to put forth their best showing on the biggest stage," she said.

Scheffee remembers the numerous conversations she had with Casey about being able to be an athlete of the year while walking through the athletic complex hall adorned with the photos of previous winners.

"Well, Emma Casey, you did it. Congratulations for being our 2019/2020 Female Athlete of the Year," she said.

Casey said the honour wasn't diminished despite missing out on the conventional annual evening event



Eighteen-year-old Emma Casey said she was moved to tears when she learned about being named this year's Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Female Athlete of the Year. The Grade 12 student competed in curling, volleyball, field hockey, badminton and track during her four years of school at HHSS./DARREN LUM Staff

when student athletes dress up and gather together. The in-person event was cancelled as a COVID-19 precaution.

"But I think it was really cool the way the slideshows were put together. And then that's a video I can have for the rest of my life," she said.

Among her highlights, she said, includes the time she was called up as a junior player in Grade 10 to play for the senior volleyball team when it advanced to OFSAA.

She also appreciated all the intense practices, whether it was with the hockey or volleyball teams.

"When the team was working so hard and everybody was putting all they had into it. That was huge for me," she said.

Volleyball was her favourite sport during her athletic career, but was also her favourite for her teammates, who she loved.

Casey felt overcome with emotion, crying when Steve Smith presented the acronym using her name.

"I was crying the whole time," she said.

E for enthusiastic. M for motivated. M for mastery. A for athletic. C for committed and competitive. A for atti-

tude (positive). S for says it like it is. E for everyone has to have fun. Y is for yearning to learn.

Next year, Casey said she'll work and plans to pursue post-secondary education to become an arborist, which she hopes to parlay into a job as a linesperson for Hydro One. It affords her a chance to be outside regularly and move around Ontario with the possibility of returning to the Highlands.

Casey appreciates her coaches and teammates.

"I would like to thank my coaches for always pushing me to be the best I can be and recognizing the work that I put in. I would also like to thank my fellow teammates for working hard to achieve the goals that we made together," she wrote in an email.

She said she had struggled with lack of closure of the school year, particularly for graduating students, since COVID-19 had forced students to learn online.

"This just closes it all off and that's really [important]," she said.

Leadership, team development and commitment acknowledged

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Switzer, Harmony Moore and Jocelyn Chumbley finished third at the OSC regional event.

The senior team of Jessica Byers, Mackenzie Tidey, Savannah Byers and Hanna Lewis finished fourth at the OSC regionals.

The girls curling team's rookie of the year was earned by Kayla Switzer while the MVP was won by Holly Parish.

The HHSS Kit Pizzey intramural participation award was given to Brian Kim and Desi Davies.

The cumulative awards, which began in 1982 to recognize student involvement over the entire time at the school, are earned through earning points by competing on teams, competing on championship teams or individually, participating in intramurals and athletic council participation. Due to the shortened athletic season, point values were adjusted and will remain in place until a return to normal.

Minor award winners earned 15 points and five gold

points. They are Alyssa Bogardis, Haley Boylan, Jessica Byers, Brendan Coumbs, Corin Gervais, Ethan Glecoff, Logan Heaven, Danaya MacDuff, Camden Marra, Tyler Martin, Alexius Mills, Teo O'Malley, Ruthie Parker, Charlotte Paton, Crystal Petry, Carson Phillips, Nick Phippen, Braeden Robinson, Ava Smith, and Brooke Stover.

The major award winners are Rebecca Archibald, Melissa Brinkos, Emma Casey, Desi Davies, Jacob Dobson, Brian Kim, Isaac Little, Zac Morissette, and Nigel Smith.

The Impact Award is earned by the teacher who goes above and beyond and is apt for this year's recipient, who is Derek Little.

Presenter Janice Scheffee said he has "spent hundreds of hours on the field teaching, mentoring and coaching his athletes. He has instilled the value of teamwork, discipline, commitment, and respect in all his players over 23 years coaching the Red Hawk football program at HHSS. He believes every athlete has a place on his team and he took pride in the relationships he formed with his athletes. Winning was nice, but losing to a better team

with grace and humility were equally important."

Past football coach and HHSS principal Gary Brohman said he knew him as a student, teacher and co-coach.

"The saying 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going.' Coach, that's you. That's your career. You never give up. You always put a positive foot forward," he said.

The Female Rising Red Hawk award winner is Ava Smith and the Male Rising Red Hawk award winner is Nick Phippen.

The first time Colin Hood OFSAA school sport winners are Rebecca Archibald and Liam Little.

They demonstrated participation and leadership in all of sport at HHSS.

On the last two days, the school's athletes of the year were announced.

They are Emma Casey and Isaac Little, who were chosen by the coaches for exhibiting character traits such as leadership qualities, coachability, a drive for team development, commitment to developing and athletic potential.



Wilberforce Elementary School Gr. 8 Graduates



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Graduation Greetings

Dear Grade 8 Graduates:

Let me begin by saying how tremendously proud your teachers, Mrs. Davies and I are of all of you. This has not been an easy year and this is not the end to your elementary academic journey that you, your family or your teachers could have possibly envisioned.

So much has changed in your lives over the last few months yet many important things remain constant: the unwavering love of your family, the joy of friendship and the wonderful gifts and talents

that reside within each of you. As you take this next step along your educational path, use these gifts wisely and never stop believing in yourself and the power you have to make a difference!

On behalf of the entire staff at Wilberforce Elementary School, I wish you all the very best.

*Sincerely,
Elaine Fournier
Principal, WES*



Graduates 2020,

I extend my congratulations to all of you for reaching today's milestone. Your achievements are vast from academic excellence to many hours of extra-curricular activities. Your time at school is special because of the lasting friendships you have made. It's really priceless.

Thank you to all the parents. I know each graduate has a special story to tell about how important your support has been in getting them to this time of graduation. Thank you to the school administration, teachers and support staff in providing you the academic stimulation and the guidance to help you make the correct decisions along the way.

As we all know it's difficult to navigate through this "new normal" and in reality, everyone can let a little self-pity creep in, however, my message is about hope and perseverance.

Let me begin with a quote that has helped me many times in my life that I learned from Lou Holtz, head football coach at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana: "It's not

the load that breaks you, it's your attitude on how you carry it."

Graduates, stay positive, persevere, find joy and never ever give up on hope. I ask you to dream more than others think is practical, to expect more than others think is possible, to work harder than the person next to you, and believe there is no "extra" in the extra mile.

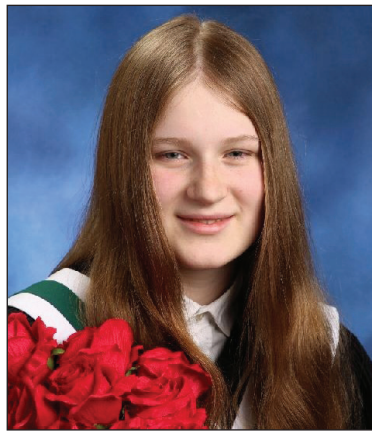
I remind all of you to give thanks to all our hard-working first responders, our community members that make our lives better each day, and to the heroes in your own homes: the moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents who give you unconditional love every day.

Graduates, life is a precious gift, live it to the fullest, be generous, be caring and speak kindly. I believe hope will be a tremendous ally for you in your new journey.

I wish you happiness, a productive life, and may the future be yours.

*Gary Brohman
TLDSB Trustee,
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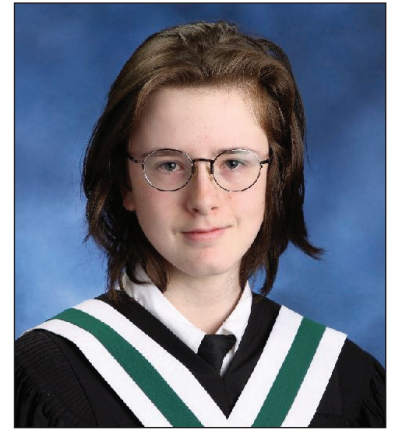
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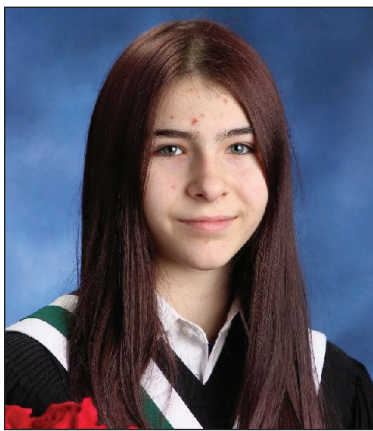
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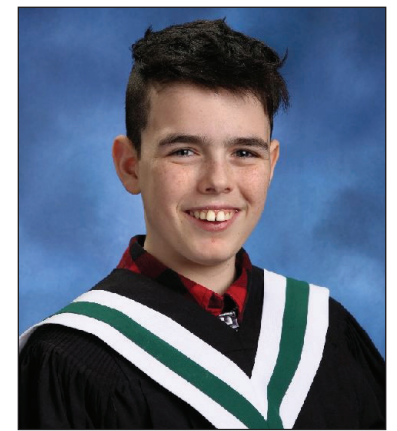
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Ryan Ellis

Principal's Address (excerpted)

My name is Andrea Borysiuk and I am the proud principal of JDH. I was reminded that this is our second graduation together – do you remember the first one? Cute little caps made of construction paper with glitter glue names? Yes, kinder graduation in 2012. The years have raced by and these now young people have reached another milestone in their educational career and are heading down the lane to HHSS.

This graduating class has stepped up and dug in. They have worked hard to make sure they have learned the valuable lessons we know they require moving forward. Like showing up on time and being prepared to do the hard work. That quality and effort and meeting a deadline are really important skills. They are always willing to lend a hand and get involved

to make sure their school is inclusive, safe and a happy place to be. They have been leaders throughout the school and have been instrumental in making sure events and activities run smoothly. These students have been diligent in person and online.

Parents, you certainly have been their biggest supporters, their champion and their safe place to fall. We are grateful for your support this year and over the past five years.

Graduates, please know that you are amazing! We are proud of your perseverance, your grit and your resilience. Over the past few months we have learned important life lessons – please remember them and practice them daily – be patient and kind, you can learn, solve problems and create using your resourcefulness and the gift of togetherness should be cherished.

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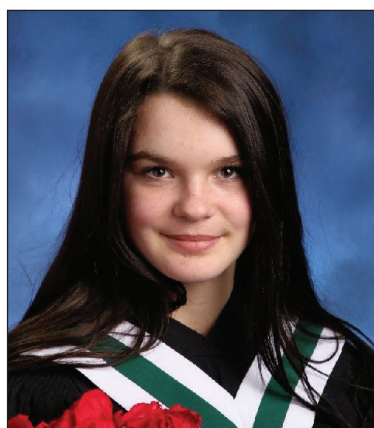
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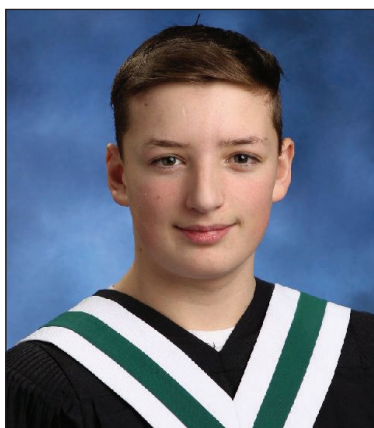
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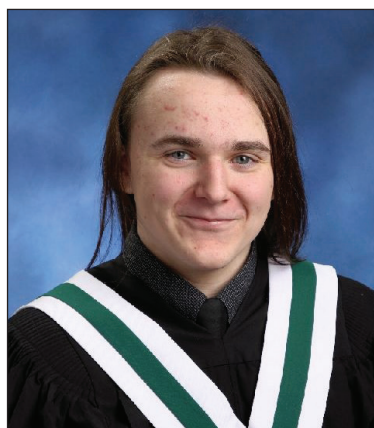
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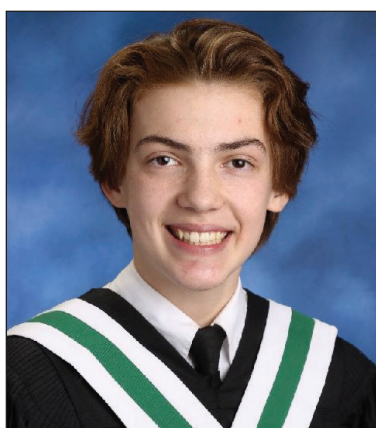
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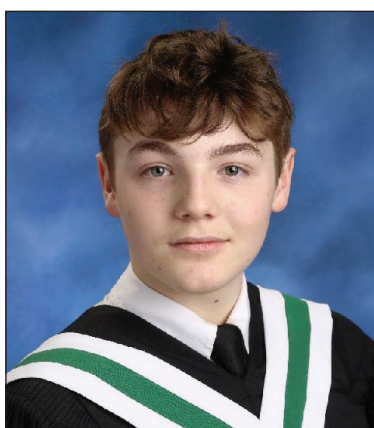
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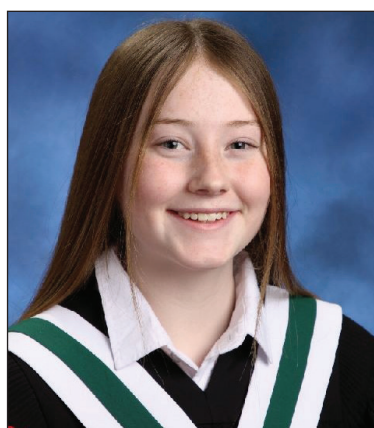
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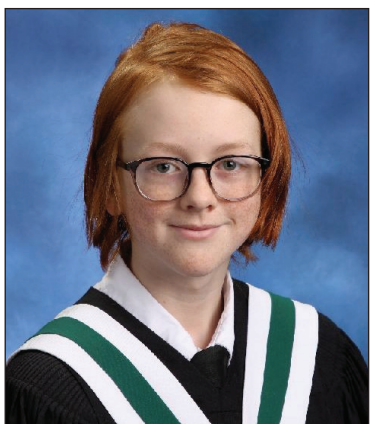
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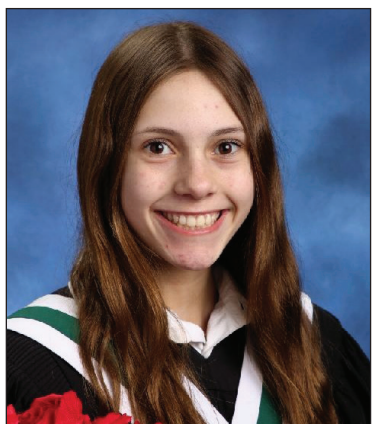
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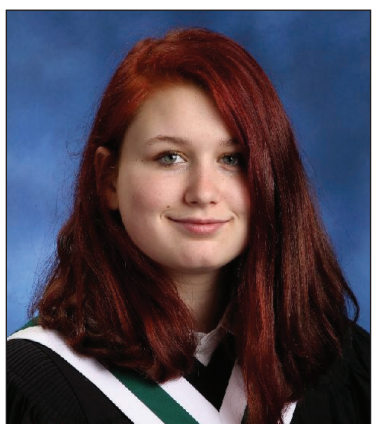
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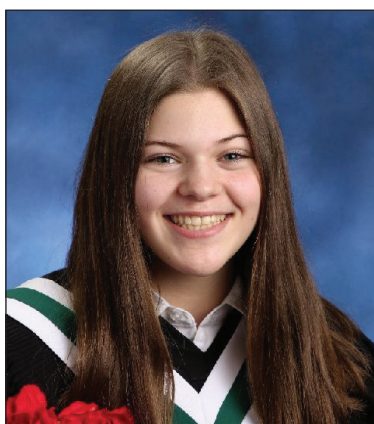
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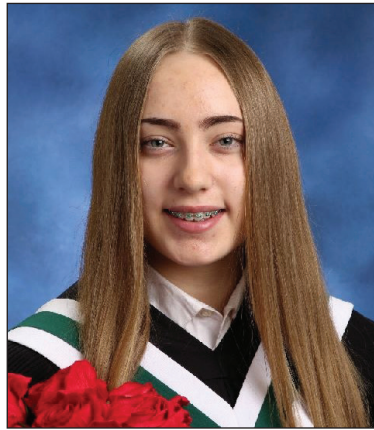
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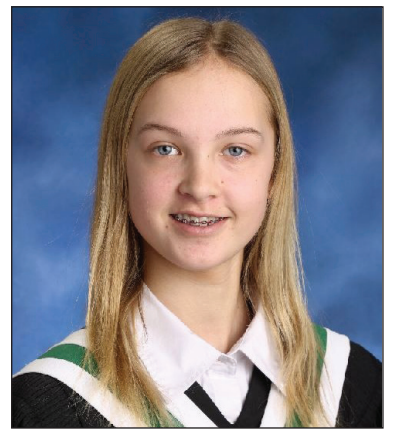
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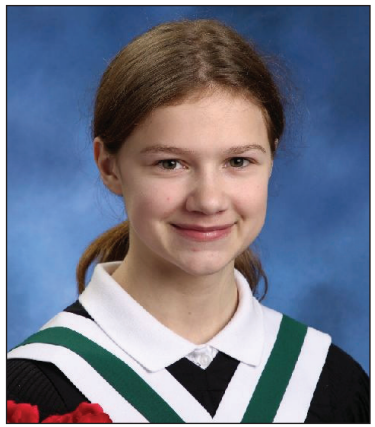
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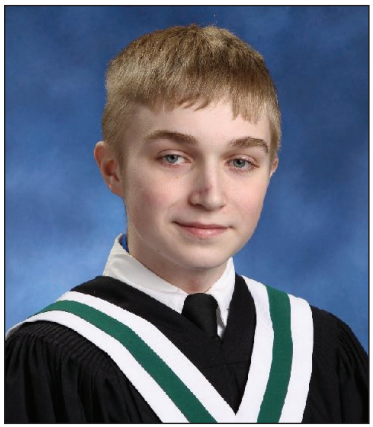
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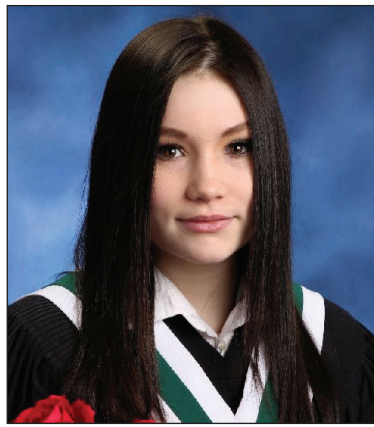
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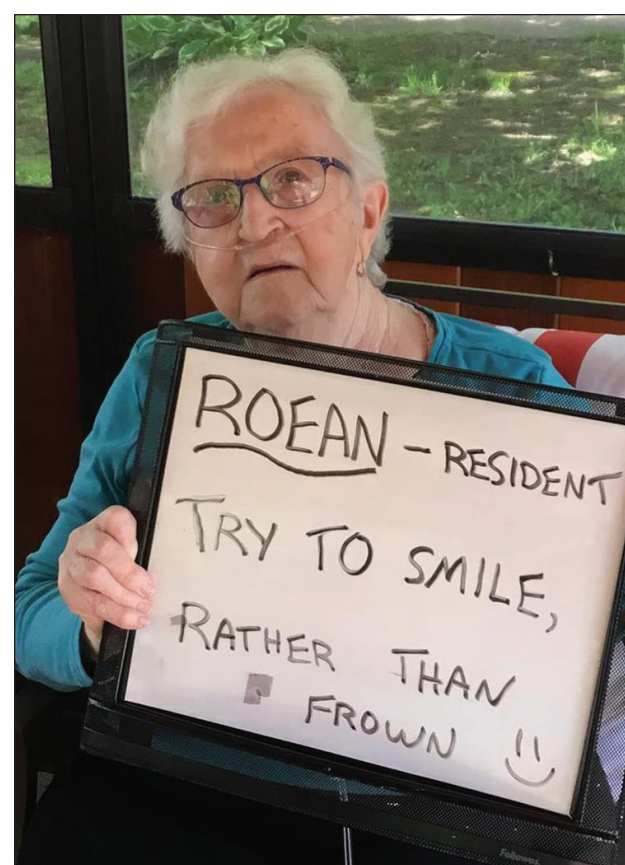
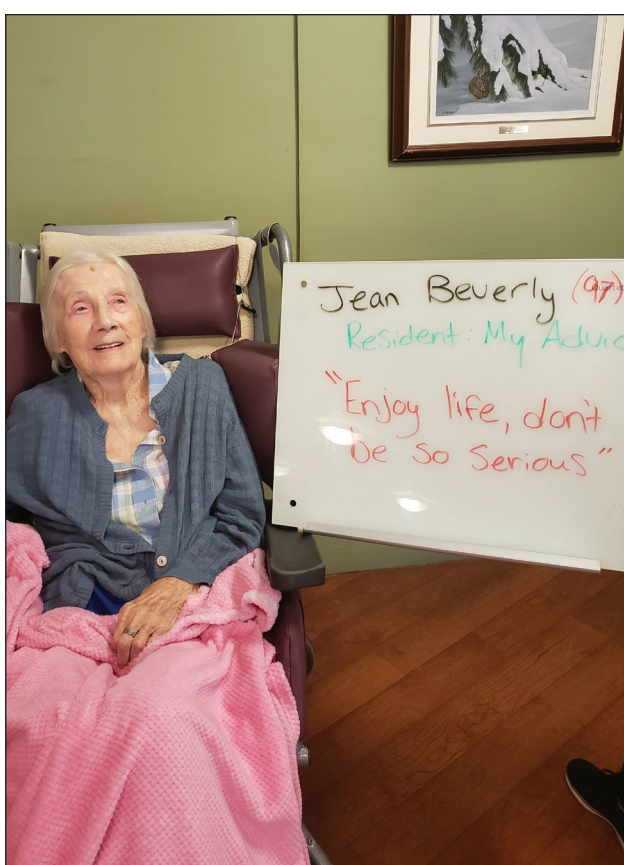
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Words of wisdom and advice for the graduates

Residents at Extendicare and Highland Wood share their words of wisdom and advice with the graduating class of 2020.



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Dean Michel*
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Shadow Lake \$699,000

- Over 300 feet of prime Shadow Lake waterfront on 16 vacant acres
- Developed shoreline is sandy with a gradual, easy entry. Potential for severance



Adele Barry
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Haliburton Lake \$899,000

- 3-bedroom 2.5 bath modern lakefront home
- Spectacular view, deep water off the dock
- Renovated Boathouse, 2 double car garages
- 1280 Sq Ft garage/shop with high ceilings



Drew Bishop*
Kristin Bishop*
457-2128 x23

Redstone Lake \$699,900

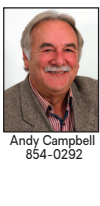
- South facing, flat, pure sand, big lake views
- Rare lot on Redstone Beach with year round access
- Drive installed, hydro & bell at the lot, & a drilled well



Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Perfect Location \$319,000

- Open concept, recently renovated commercial opportunity on Drag River
- Plenty of parking available
- Steps from downtown or Head Lake park!



Andy Campbell
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- Time for a Change?
- Time for self employment?
- Many profitable business opportunities



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Redstone-NW EXP-Sand \$995,000

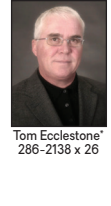
- Yr Rd, 3 Bdrm, Den, Haliburton Room, W/O Lower
- 2-3pc 1-4 Pc Bath, Propane FP, Wood, Oil Furnace
- Priv, Level, Sun & Shade, Sandy, Walkin To Swim



Mark Denny's*
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Kashagawigamog Lk Lt \$469,000

- Apprx 140 Ft Frtg, 1.1 Acres
- Level Lot, NW Exp, 5 Lake Chain
- Between Minden & Haliburton



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Country Home on the Gull \$579,000

- Immaculate Riverfront Property
- 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, high and dry
- So many features, minutes to town
- Call for direct for more information



Lindsay Elder*
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Brady Lake Lot \$109,999

- Western Exposure for sun all day
- Dead end road between Property & Lake
- Partially owned waterfront
- Stunning water views



Andrew Hodgson**
286-2138 x 29

Irondale River \$439,000

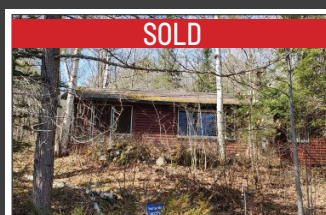
- Beautifully maintained home or cottage on a spacious lot
- 24' x 20' garage with finished loft/rec room
- Ideal waterfront, miles of kayak & canoeing



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Miskwabi Lake \$949,900

- Over 4000 sq. ft home on 2-lake chain
- Double garage, log workshop and drive shed
- SW exposure, beautiful sand beach



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Black Lake \$225,000

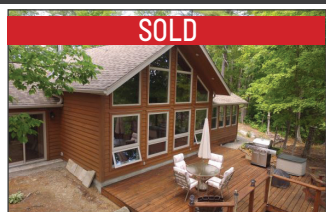
- A classic boat access cottage
- 2 bedrooms + loft for overflow
- Screened room 3 pc bath



Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Silver Beach \$479,000

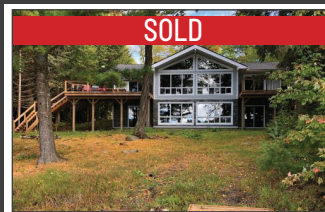
- Open concept, 3-bedroom, 2 bath condo
- Located in a premium no maintenance Lifestyle community on Lake Kashagawigamog



Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

East Moore Lake \$799,000

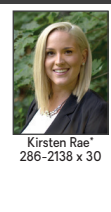
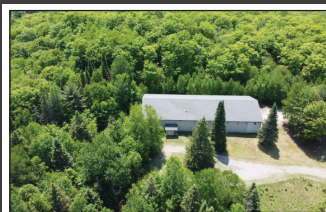
- Custom-crafted 4 season, under 2H from GTA
- Open concept interior, sunroom & WO to deck
- 3-bedroom, 2 bath, large second level loft
- Extreme privacy, to 239' of deep clean shoreline



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Ross Lake \$600,000

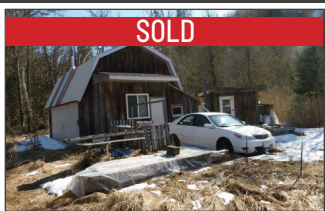
- Private 1.25-acre lot w/ 200+ ft water fr
- Custom designed 4 season cottage or home
- Pine Cathedral ceilings, wood frs, & more
- Outstanding chattel list, many upgrades!



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Industrial Park Rd \$1,350,000

- 12,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
- Unlimited possibilities with this building!



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Harcourt \$51,000

- 2 storage sheds also a dug well
- Lots of potential
- Close to elephant lake.



Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Soyers Lake \$474,900

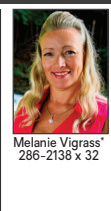
- Quiet bay, 344' waterfront
- 4 season home
- 2 acres



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Miskwabi Lake \$449,000

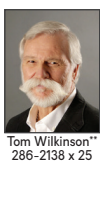
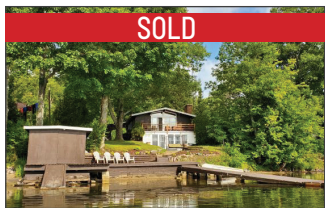
- Idyllic 1920 Sq Ft country home
- 2+2 Bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms
- Open concept living, fully renovated
- Deeded access to Miskwabi Lake



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Executive Home \$549,000

- Bungalow w/finished walk-out lower level
- 4 Bdrms, 2.5 baths, Cathedral Ceilings
- On Beaver Creek, 2 acres,
- Det'd Dbl Garage & Det'd Insulated, Heated Shop



Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 25

Moore Lake \$589,000

- Year round, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths
- Fabulous hard sand waterfront
- Includes garage and boathouse



Andrea Wilson*
457-2128 x 25

Percy Lake \$650,000

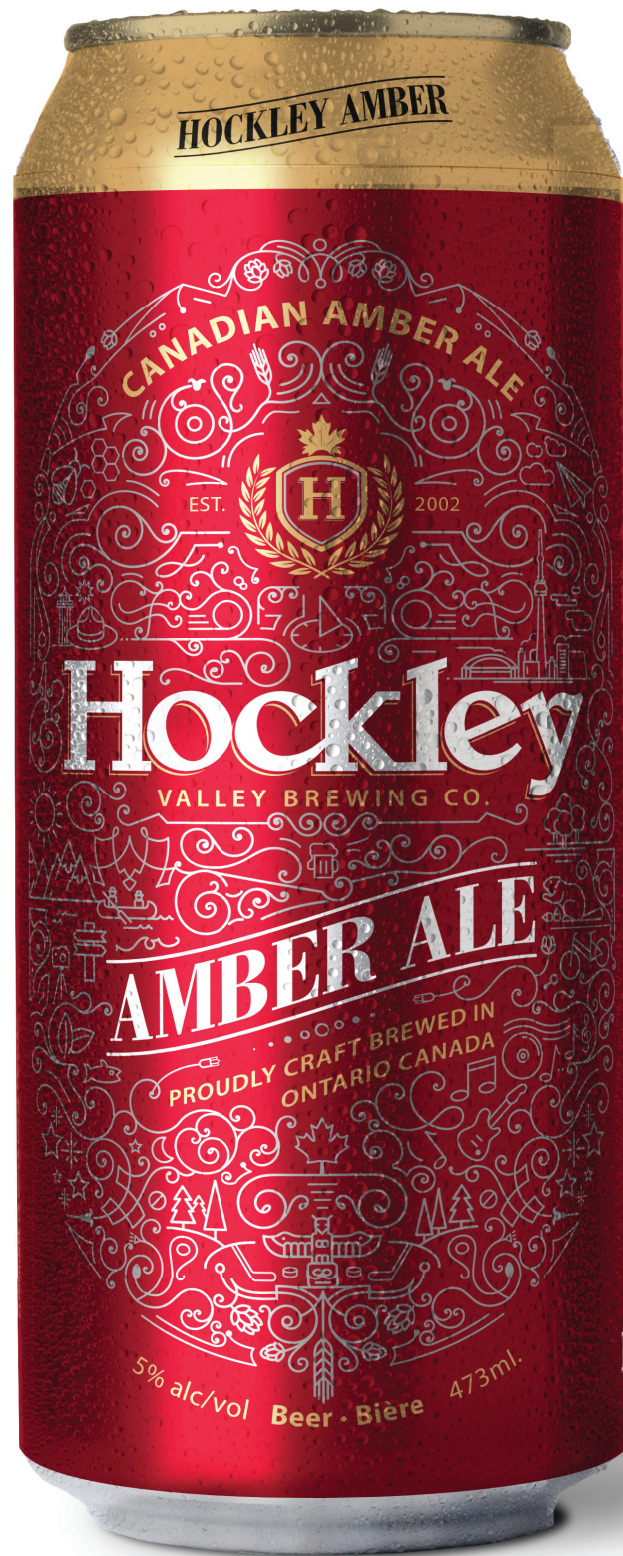
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Shoppers return to farmers' market

Customers wearing masks, part of COVID-19 safety protocols, are served at the Edilicious booth during the first day for the farmers' market in Haliburton on Tuesday, June 16 at Rotary Park. Other safety measures include a one way route and hand sanitizer for the public to use. Minden hosted its first farmers' market on Saturday, June 13 at the Minden Fairgrounds and Stanhope will hold their first farmers' market on Friday, June 26 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Stanhope Community Centre. /DARREN LUM Staff



Ron Loffhouse of Loft House Candles was among the vendors at the first day for the farmers' market in Haliburton.



Irene Botter-Murphy and Ron Murphy, who own Buckslide Dog Treats, were among the vendors who greeted the public during the first day for the farmers' market in Haliburton on Tuesday, June 16 at Rotary Park.

Bridge replacements ready to begin

JENN WATT

Editor

Funding from the federal government has come through, allowing work to move forward on the South Wilberforce Bridge in Highlands East and Sedgwick Bridge in Minden Hills.

On June 19, local MPP Laurie Scott announced that the projects, which had been nominated by the provincial government for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program were approved. Through the program, the three levels of government – municipal, provincial and federal – each provide one-third of the funding needed for the projects.

The total eligible cost for the South

Wilberforce Bridge was just more than \$1.4 million. The cost for the Sedgwick Bridge is just more than \$1.1 million.

"These projects are a total investment of over \$2.5 million from all three levels of government," Scott said in a statement. "My municipal partners and I are thrilled to move forward in this process, getting shovels in the ground to quickly deliver these important local infrastructure projects to the people of our community."

She pointed out that the funding would help stimulate the riding's economy, creating jobs to help recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local MP Jamie Schmale said he would continue to work with all levels of government to encourage future investments in the community.

Housing program helps homeless during pandemic

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The City of Kawartha Lakes, which is the social services provider for Haliburton County, has designed a program to assist landlords in housing the homeless during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Rapid Re-Housing Program provides financial assistance to landlords who make units available for this purpose. "During the pandemic, the most vulnerable are at an even higher risk and the city is looking to landlords to help house homeless community members," reads a release from the City of Kawartha Lakes. "There is a high demand for bachelor or one-bedroom units."

As of mid-April, there were nearly 100

registered homeless individuals in the area of the city and county combined. "The majority are single, and there are nearly 20 families and several seniors, youth and couples," the release reads.

Through the program, the municipalities will provide the landlord funding to prepare units for tenants to move into; conduct COVID-19 screening prior to move-in and daily COVID-19 screening thereafter; choice of tenant; three months' prepaid rent; and a last month's rent guarantee.

Any landlords interested in the program can fill out a form at <https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/housing.aspx> or contact affordable housing program co-ordinator Elise Karklins at ekarklins@kawarthalakes.ca or by calling 705-324-9870, ext. 3105.

Third term for incoming Rotary president

Crossword brought to you by

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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Protects from weather
 - 4. Superhigh frequency
 - 7. Southern constellation
 - 8. Swines
 - 10. Self-righteously moralistic person
 - 12. United Arab Emirates city
 - 13. Surinam toad
 - 14. Sign language
 - 16. Tattoo (slang)
 - 17. Makes level
 - 19. Sun up in New York
 - 20. It must be scratched
 - 21. Where people live
 - 25. Swiss river
 - 26. Buddy
 - 27. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
 - 29. Shrek is one
 - 30. Egyptian unit of weight
 - 31. Fiddler crabs
 - 32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife
 - 39. No longer having life
 - 41. Former OSS
 - 42. A way to emit sound
 - 43. Mandela's party
 - 44. Adult female chicken
 - 45. U. of Miami's mascot
 - 46. Southeastern Chinese people
 - 48. Casino game
 - 49. Amos Alonzo __, US football coach
 - 50. Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
 - 51. Will Ferrell film
 - 52. River in NE Scotland
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Occur
 - 2. Show up
 - 3. Capital of Taiwan
 - 4. Former French coin
 - 5. Some are bad
 - 6. Monetary unit
 - 8. Package (abbr.)
 - 9. Indian religious person
 - 11. Crew
 - 14. Antidiuretic hormone
 - 15. Makeshift
 - 18. Baseball box score stat
 - 19. Make a mistake
 - 20. Not moving
 - 22. Even distribution of weight
 - 23. Clumsy person
 - 24. Paddle
 - 27. Worked the soil
 - 28. Alias
 - 29. Plant cultivated in Peru
 - 31. Side-blotched lizards genus
 - 32. Wild dog
 - 33. Immoral act
 - 34. Pound
 - 35. Manning and Lilly are two
 - 36. Put on the shelf for now
 - 37. Baltimore ballplayer
 - 38. Cuddle
 - 39. Dashes
 - 40. Related on the mother's side
 - 44. Witch
 - 47. Kilogram force (abbr.)

Answers on page 19

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

With two presidential terms already served, Ted Brandon, the Rotary Club of Haliburton's incoming president, said his experience is at the root of why he's taking on the role for the third time.

"That's why I accepted the position. I felt that we've been very, very successful over the last two years in attracting a lot of new members, which is great so our club has grown, but over half of our club is relatively new with little Rotary experience. So, I just felt it was important to have someone step in who had a pretty strong understanding of the role and the responsibilities. That kind of knowledge was already there so all these other distractions as a result of the COVID-19, and the different ways of doing business that would be [made less challenging by] ... not having to worry about the details that a less experienced Rotarian might have," he said.

This is Brandon's second term in three years. He takes over from Brian Nash, who served his full term. Brandon officially takes over July 1.

Brandon helped with the launch of the Rotaract Club and while at the club's 75th anniversary gala in 2019 asked Len Pizzey to write the book *Profiles of the Presidents*. Pizzey, a retired journalist and former owner of the *Haliburton County Echo*, had authored the first *Profiles of the Presidents* book for the club's 50th anniversary in 1994.

"I've kept pretty busy so stepping in as president it's not going to be a ... big change in terms of the time commitment, or what have you, to step right in," he said.

Brandon wants to ensure the continued health of the club.

"We want obviously to keep all our members safe and healthy given the world we live in currently, but we also need to look at the health of the club and just make sure everyone is doing OK and we maintain our momentum and we don't lose members," he said. "There's always a danger when you start cancelling things that they never come back."

He noted annual events, but also referenced projects such as the construction of the welcome centre for Head Lake Park, which will start in late-summer instead of spring, as it was delayed by COVID-19 restrictions.

Like other organizations, the Rotary club has taken their weekly Thursday meetings online, using video-conferenc-

ing application Zoom.

The change has come with adjustments for the members, but there is a positive aspect to it, Brandon added. In the past, the club's meetings included guest speakers, who needed to be within a short drive away to attend. These virtual meetings permit guest speakers to be from anywhere there is access to Zoom.

"The world is our oyster in the Zoom world. We can have speakers from anywhere in the world," he said.

Another challenge is the limit to fundraising due to event cancellations.

"We obviously need to figure out how we move forward and the monies that we have because some of our fundraising events have been cancelled. Some we're still going to try and we don't know if they're going to be as successful as they have been in the past," he said.

One of those events they're going ahead with is the Rotary Car Draw, which will be conducted through the mail instead of on the street.

"As much as we question should we do the car draw? It's our major fundraiser. It generates a lot of money we put back into the community and we just felt that it was important to give it a try so that we can try to maintain supporting those initiatives and organizations that we have in the past," he said.

Brandon noted the recipients of their charity efforts include Food for Kids, Heat Bank Haliburton County, the food bank, and the Good Food Box. Their work will be needed more than ever, he adds, due to COVID-19.

Brandon said keeping a strong membership is a constant for him, whether as a member or as a president.

"The more hands on deck, the more work and more projects we can take on, so membership is always a focus of mine," he said.

The club currently has 32 members and is in its 76th year of service.

Brandon welcomes new members and encourages anyone interested to contact the club.

Coming to several meetings is an important first step before joining, as it gives a potential member insight into the club and how it works, Brandon said.

"We always invite potential members out to a meeting and encourage them. And if they're not sure, just keep coming and if in four or five weeks you think it's something you want to do, then great. If not, that's great too," he said.

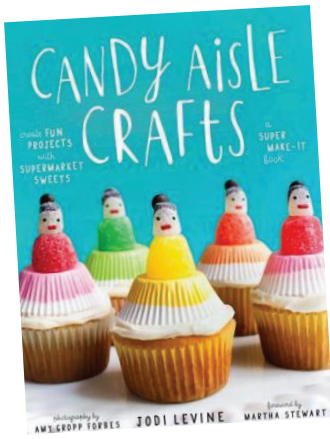
Anyone interested in becoming a Rotarian can email haliburtonrotary@gmail.com to learn more.



Ted Brandon is the incoming president of the Rotary Club of Haliburton. He returns for his third term. Brandon, as seen here speaking at the 75th anniversary gala for the club at the Pinestone last year, welcomes the opportunity to use his knowledge and experience to help his club navigate the current challenges related to restrictions imposed by the concerns for COVID-19. /FILE JENN WATT Staff

Nonfic Pick - June

Candy Aisle Crafts by Jodi Levine



The ultimate materials for fun, whimsical crafting are right in your grocery store! From party decorations to children's toys, wearable art to cute gifts, you need look no further than your local supermarket shelves for the materials to make these unique (and completely kid-friendly) food crafts. Colourful candy canes

are fashioned into heart-shaped necklaces, melted peppermints are moulded into a festive bowl, cookies and ice cream cones are transformed into a fanciful castle, marshmallows are snipped into a polar bear, and gumdrops become everything from adorable frogs to bumblebees and ducks. For special celebrations, rainy-day activities, and much more, treat yourself to the sweetest projects. *Candy Aisle Crafts* is packed with simple ideas for charming crafts that both kids and parents will love. Check out the e-book today from www.haliburtonlibrary.ca.



A dump truck passes over a bridge, spanning the Drag River on Tuesday, June 16 in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Summer was on its way, with the thick foliage visible in the vegetation reflected in the water./DARREN LUM Staff

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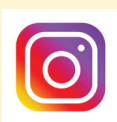
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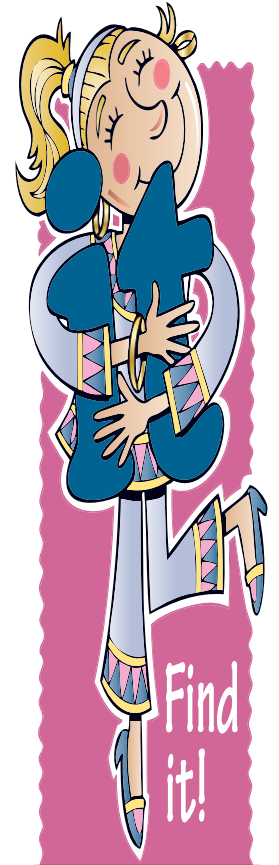
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■ **MATT DUCHENE**

Fate plays a role in NHL draft

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Before local hockey hero Matt Duchene was selected third overall by the Colorado Avalanche in the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, it was widely known that the 18-year-old Haliburton hockey player had grown up idolizing the very team that drafted him.

And as it turns out, there's quite a string of interesting and quirky facts that connect Duchene to the Colorado Avalanche.

"We analyzed the teams and we knew it was a pretty good chance that [Matt] was going to end up with Colorado," said Matt's father Vince outside the Avalanche suite at the Montreal Bell Centre a couple of hours after Matt was drafted. "But I can't tell you how many small world connections there are to Colorado."

Nearby, Duchene was being photographed in his new Avs garb with family members.

See **Duchene** page 20



TIM TOFFLEMIRE/Special to the Echo

Happy birthday with a bang!

West Guilford knows how to throw a party on Canada Day. Its annual event is always a crowd-pleaser, especially the fireworks that light up Pine Lake after dusk. For more photos and a story about the celebration, including this year's citizen of the year, see pages 22, 23 and 24.

■ **URANIUM MINING**

Old Dyno mine still raises questions

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

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Ultimate privacy with 6.90 acres and 550 ft of clean clear shoreline. Granite walkways and patios. Over 4000 sq ft of living space. This custom built "True North" log home has recently had numerous quality upgrades. Too many to mention. You'll appreciate them when you see them. 5 bdrms, 4 baths, full finished bsmt, insulated triple garage with finished loft.

\$2,389,000



Spruce Lake

Custom built 3BR, 3 bath, waterfront home/cottage. With 25 acres, 225 ft of frtg and Southern exposure. This private and peaceful property. open concept living with beautiful maple cabinetry. Cozy sunroom, gorgeous gazebo or stone patio with firepit. 2 BR guest cottage. Wheelchair accessible.

\$1,399,000



Otter Lake

Privately situated on 67+ acres sits your dream custom built waterfront home or cottage. 4 bdrm, 3 bath home finished w/ high-end finishing's. 462ft of frontage. Cherry cabinetry, granite countertops, large island and oak flooring throughout. Main floor master w/ 5pc ensuite. Lovely living room w/ grand cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace. Full finished lower level. Excellent property for children and pets to run and enjoy nature.

\$979,000

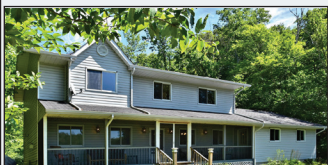


Colbourne Lake

Enjoy being close to nature in a quiet, private and peaceful setting. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. 25 acres of mature trees. Stunning open concept living. Engineered hardwood flooring, granite countertops and walk-out to covered wraparound deck. Heated workshop with loft.

\$969,000

WENONA LAKE \$662,000



Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views.

KENNISIS LAKE \$569,000



It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies.

CARROLL ROAD \$559,500



Every nature lovers dream! 3 bdrm, 2 bath rustic log home perfectly situated on 92ac. Deck around the front & side to enjoy your lovely yard, gardens & forest. Complete and utter privacy! Open concept kitchen-dining finished with wood cabinetry and grand wood cookstove. Large 3 bay garage.

TWELVE MILE LAKE \$558,000



Year-round home has everything you have dreamed of and more! Just minutes from the town of Minden & a stone's throw from 12 Mile Lake marina. 3-bdrms, 3 bath. Elegant finishing touches throughout. Fully finished lower level. Cozy Haliburton rm. Lake front enjoyment without lakefront taxes!

LONG LAKE \$499,900



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy.

NESBITT ROAD \$399,999



Recently renovated 4 bdrm, 2 bath home. Beautifully treed level lot. Many recent upgrades include new roof, fully renovated bathrooms, luxury vinyl flooring throughout, blown-in insulation and much more. Finished lower level, large deck and heated attached double car garage.

CONTAU LAKE \$325,000



Charming seasonal waterfront cottage. 100 ft of frontage. 3 bdrms, 1 bath. Spacious eat-in kitchen and gorgeous lake views from the living room. Storage shed, easily converted to Bunkie Good swimming off large floating dock. Seller is installing a new septic.

AIRPORT ROAD \$235,000



We found the perfect starter or retirement home for you! 1.10-ac level lot surrounded by mature trees. Cozy 2-bdrm, 1 bath home with open concept kitchen and living space. In-floor radiant heat and recently installed vinyl flooring throughout. Attached oversized single insulated garage.



VACANT LOTS

Drag Lake \$469,000 7.24AC

Irondale River \$65,000 3.22AC

NEW LISTING Drag Lake \$349,90 3.51AC

Basshaunt Lake Road \$47,000 2.36 AC

West Lake \$349,000 0.60AC

Fred Jones Road \$34,500 6.59AC

Colborne Lake \$289,000 4.83AC

West Court Place \$29,000 2.43AC

Paddys Bay \$259,000 45.72AC

Twist Lane \$27,900 0.43 AC

SOLD Contau Lake \$165,000 1.33AC

SOLD Fred Jones Road \$25,000 0.38AC

Harburn Road \$99,000 44+AC

Studio Lane \$25,000 0.50 AC

North Drive \$74,900 2.11AC

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